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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MASS, AGAO, BE, NE, NO, DA
SUBJECT: F-16 GAO REPORT - PART TWO

REF: COPENHAGEN 1157

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GAO REPORT REFERRED TO REFTEL IS
IN FACT ANNUAL GAO REPORT ON F-16 PROGRAM (NOT DESIGNED
TO COVER MULTINATIONAL ASPECTS OF THAT PROGRAM). DESPITE
ABOVE CAVEAT, IT IS EVIDENT THAT F-16 PROGRAM AS A
WHOLE CANNOT BE COMPLETELY AND DEATLY SEPARATED INTO
U.S. AND EUROPEAN SECTIONS. THEREFORE, EUROPEAN GOVERN-
MENTS WILL BE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH CONTENT AND TONE
OF REPORT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF SENSITIVITIES
THEY EXPRESSED AT TIME OF PREVIOUS GAO REPORT.
EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AT THAT TIME INSISTED, AND
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RECEIVED ASSURANCES, THAT THEY WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO REVIEW, CORRECT AND MAKE INPUT INTO GAO REPORT
PRIOR TO ITS PUBLICATION. ALTHOUGH GAO REPORT CITED
REFTEL MAY NOT INTEND TO TOUCH UPON EUROPEAN ASPECTS
OF F-16 PROGRAM AND, THEREFORE, GAO MAY NOT FEEL OBLIGATED
TO INFORM EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS IN ADVANCE, THE
EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS MAY WELL LOOK AT THE ISSUE IN

A QUITE DIFFERENT LIGHT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POTENTIAL
PROBLEM OUTLINED ABOVE, REQUEST THAT STATE, IF POSSIBLE,
REVIEW PROPOSED GAO REPORT WITH EUROPEAN SENSITIVITIES
IN MIND AND PROVIDE EMBASSIES CONCERNED WITH SUFFICIENT
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INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT US TO
INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF GAO
REPORT. CHAMBERS

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